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REFERRING to the Companies' Circular of 24th June last, senders of telegrams are hereby advised that from the 1st January, 1898, until further notice, the currency equivalent of the franc has been fixed at $0.40, at which rate all charges on international telegrams from China will be collected from said date.

Tariff cards will be distributed as soon as they are received from the Head Offices. In the meantime the new charges can be ascertained on reference to our Circular of date, or to the Companies' Offices.

(Sd.) F. VON DER PFORDTEN,
Manager-in-China.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1897. [2983

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Hongkong, 30th December, 1897. [2984

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IN Accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on SATURDAY, 1st January, 1898.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA,
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Manager.

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Agent.

Hongkong, 23th December, 1897. [2973

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

THE Undermentioned Insurance Offices will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on SATURDAY, the 1st January, 1898.

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General Managers,
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Secretary,
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Secretary,
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W. H. T. DAVIS,
Manager,
THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LD.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1897. [2974

NOTICE OF FIRM

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with the Special Resolution duly passed on the 11th December, 1895, and confirmed on the 28th December, 1895, and in consequence of the death of JOHN DAVID HUMPHREYS, on the 8th instant, the firm of JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON has become the General Managers of the COMPANY.

By Order,

A. H. MANCELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 25rd November, 1897. [2684

AUCTIONS

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
No. 551.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on the spot, THIS DAY (THURSDAY), the 30th day of DECEMBER, 1897, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 14th December, 1897. [2947

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held THIS DAY (THURSDAY), the 30th day of DECEMBER, 1897, at 3 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land, at Wanchai, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 999 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Square ft.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
1	Inland Lot No. 1,461	Wanchai (South-East of No. 3 Police Station)	63	39	37	80	3,720	32	746

AUCTION SALE.

(SUBJECT TO A RESERVE) OF THE DUTCH BARQUE "NACHTEGAAL"

THE Undersigned are instructed by the owners to sell by auction, unless previously disposed of, on THURSDAY, 30th December, the Dutch barque

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McALISTER & CO.,
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), the 31st December, 1897, at 2.30 P.M., at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, (The Property of Persons leaving the Colony),

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TERMS:—As customary.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1897. [2980

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
No. 538.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on the spot, on TUESDAY, the 4th day of JANUARY, 1898, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 4th December, 1897. [2979

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on TUESDAY, the 4th day of JANUARY, 1898, at 3 P.M. by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of Four Lots of Crown Land, together with Building Material stacked thereon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 999 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. SE.	SW.	NE.	NW.	Contents in Square ft.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
	Inland Lots	Square Street, Taipingshan	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		$	$
1	1,420		91	90	23	58	5,220	84	20,880
2	1,421		90	90	58	58	5,220	84	20,880
		Bridges Street, Taipingshan							
3	1,422		90	90	58	58	5,220	84	18,270
4	1,423		101.3	104.3	58	58	6,046.94		21,161

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from the EASTERN RATTAN WORKS, Yaumati, to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, ON WEDNESDAY, the 5th January, 1898, at 3 P.M., on the premises at YAUMATI, PRAYA, No. 68, (On Account of Liquidation),

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Hongkong, 25th December, 1897. [2954

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INTIMATIONS

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above COMPANY will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the COMPANY, 38 and 40, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), the 31st day of December, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1897.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th to 31st instant, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON.
General Managers.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1897. [2896

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IN Accordance with Section 120 of the Articles of Association the General Agents, with approval of the Consulting Committee, will on the 3rd JANUARY, 1898, issue INTEREST WARRANTS of $5 per Share, PAYABLE at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, the same being at the rate of 10 per Cent. per Annum on the paid up Capital of the Office for the year 1897.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 31st inst., both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents,
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Hongkong, 15th December, 1897. [2863

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th January, 1898, to the 15th January, 1898, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 25th December, 1897. [2953

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 31st day of DECEMBER, 1897, the whole of the remaining 200 MORTGAGE DEBENTURES, portion of the 500 MORTGAGE DEBENTURES issued on the 31st day of January, 1892, will be redeemed and the amounts due thereon paid off to the holders thereof respectively.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 30th November, 1897.

WITH reference to the above Notice interest on the 200 MORTGAGE DEBENTURE BONDS will be paid up to 31st December, 1897, but no interest will accrue after that date.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1897. [2978

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No. 171.

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E. B. DREW,
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Custom House,
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Dec. 29, INGERAAN, German str., 894, Ed. Piper, Mauritius, Bombay and Singapore 17th December, Old Iron and Rice.—WIELER & Co.

Dec. 29, THALES, British str., 827, Robson, Taiwanfoo, Amoy and Swatow 28th Dec., General.—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Dec. 29, WOSANG, British str., 1,127, Roop, Chinkiang 25th Dec., General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Dec. 29, LIENSHING, British str., 1,048, Purkis, Canton 29th Dec., General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

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Dec. 29, TAIYUAN, British str., 1,458, R. Nelson, Moji 25th Dec., General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Dec. 29, FUPING, Chinese str., 1,058, A. P. Clemens, Canton 29th Dec., General.—C. E. & M. Co.

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Zafiro, British str., for Manila.
Terrier, Norwegian str., for Kobe.
Cosmopolit, German str., for Hongay.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 29, ASK, Danish str., for Hoihow.
Dec. 29, AMOY, German str., for Kobe.
Dec. 29, PEIYANG, German str., for Shanghai.
Dec. 29, BYGDO, Norwegian str., for Canton.
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Dec. 29, KANSU, British str., for Canton.
Dec. 29, HSINCHI, Chinese str., for Canton.
Dec. 29, PETREL, Amr. gunboat, for Canton.
Dec. 29, HINSANG, British str., for Java.
Dec. 29, HONGKONG, French str., for Haiphong.
Dec. 29, TORDENSKJOLD, Nor. str., for Hongay.
Dec. 29, WOSANG, British str., for Canton.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Thales*, from Taiwanfoo, &c., Messrs. Gibb and Schkrimpshire.

DEPARTED.

Per *Nanyang*, for Amoy, Mrs. Schmidt and child.

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DEATHS.

At No. 237, Bluff, Yokohama, on the 19th December, ISABELL, wife of H. F. ARTHUR.

On Sunday, the 19th December, 1897, at Toranomon, Tokyo, RUTH, the beloved wife of Commander M. SQUIRE, R.N.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 30th, 1897.

FROM the published minutes of the Committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce we learn that at the last monthly meeting the question of typhoon signals was again discussed, the general opinion being in favour of the *former* system of meteorological signals instead of the system of storm warnings now in use, but no decision was arrived at, pending further inquiries. The Zikawei Observatory's new code of signals for the typhoon and storm warning service on the coast of China may possibly prove suggestive to the Committee. This code goes into effect at Shanghai and Chefoo on the 1st January, and it is apparently intended that it shall be adopted ultimately at all the Treaty Ports. The requirements of Hongkong in the matter of storm warnings are identical with those of the Treaty Ports and it would probably be a convenience to shipping if uniformity in the system of signalling could be secured. Under the system which formerly obtained in Hongkong the signals indicated a typhoon to the north, south, east, or west respectively, and a change in the colour indicated whether the centre was more or less than three hundred miles distant. In the early part of this year the system was altered. Under the new system information as to the existence and direction of typhoons at a distance can be found only in the printed notices issued from the Observatory, the signals hoisted at the mast merely indicating the probability of a gale being experienced locally, with an additional signal when it is anticipated that the gale may reach typhoon force. The Zikawei code, on the other hand, contains about a hundred signals, indicated by flag numbers and letters, the international code being used for the letters and Marryat's code for the numbers. By this code the locality of the typhoon and the places where and directions from which gales may be expected can be readily indicated. On paper the system seems an excellent one, but it might possibly be found rather complicated in practice. It may also be doubted whether meteorological science has arrived at such a point of perfection as to enable the observer to fix with such exactness the locality of a distant typhoon, and, moreover, experts are divided in opinion as to the suitability of flags as signals in storm warnings. The fact that the code emanates from Zikawei will, however, be taken as a strong *prima facie* recommendation in its favour, and as the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce has the subject of storm warnings at present under consideration the system about to be adopted at the Treaty Ports should receive the Committee's attention. The system at present in force in Hongkong, while it may be sufficient for the purpose of indicating local gales, is, we believe, generally regarded as giving less information than is desirable. The public would like to know something about the movements of the typhoon before it threatens to give us a gale locally, and signals at the mast would make the information more generally known than the printed notices. Flag signals similar to those of the Zikawei code might possibly be used for this purpose, the present signals being also retained, especially for the benefit of the native boat people, for the purpose of indicating local gales.

The Sanitary Board meets this afternoon at a quarter-past four.

The N. Y. K. steamer *Hakata Maru* (Europe Line) left Kobe via Moji for this port on 20th inst. and is expected to arrive here on the 6th January.

We have received from Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co. the local agents, a calendar issued by the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.

The Local Secretary informs us that Miss S. Mehta, A.A., of Victoria English Schools, Senior Candidate at the Oxford Local Examinations last July, was placed in the list "Distinguished" for Religious Knowledge.

The C. P. R. Company's steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived at Kobe at 10.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 28th inst., and left again at 10.30 a.m. yesterday morning for Yokohama, where she is expected to arrive at 10.30 a.m. to-day.

At the Magistracy yesterday a man was fined $25 for keeping open an opium smoking divan at No. 166, Hollywood Road, without a license and having in his possession two taels and four mace of opium dross without the knowledge and consent of the Dross Farmer.

A Japanese vernacular paper states that the authorities of the Governor-General's office in Formosa are considering the desirability of creating a monopoly of the camphor business, in the same way as a Government monopoly of leaf tobacco had been created, with a view to increasing the revenue of Formosa.

The Royal Engineers gave a most enjoyable quadrille party in the R.E. theatre at Wellington Barracks on Tuesday evening. The room was decorated with evergreens, flags, and lamps, and the dancers had a very merry time until the early morning. The arrangements were in the hands of Sergeant Press, who was most energetic in the performance of his duties.

This afternoon, on the Happy Valley new ground, there will be a match under Association rules between the Hongkong Football Club and Kowloon. Both teams are strong and an excellent match will be witnessed. Club in white, Kowloon in usual colours. The Club will be represented by:—P. G. Davies, R.A., goal; W. D. Mayson and C. T. Kew, backs; H. W. Slade, H. W. Looker (captain), and F. H. Kew, halves; E. F. Mackay, H. S. Moberley, H.K.R., A. S. Anton, J. F. Noble, and A. E. M. Head, R.A., forwards. Kick-off at half-past four sharp.

At 4.45 p.m. on the 22th instant a watchman on the steamer *Powan* saw a man going on board carrying two baskets. One of the baskets contained a tin of oil. As the man was always travelling up and down by the steamer, the watchman had his suspicions aroused, and upon opening the tin of oil found four revolvers at the bottom. The wooden handles had been removed and were found on the man's person. At the Magistracy yesterday Hon. H. E. Wodehouse sentenced the prisoner to three months' imprisonment with hard labour. The prisoner was willing to pay a fine, but it was refused.

The *Kobe Chronicle* of the 22nd December says:—The most remarkable news published by the Japanese papers this morning is the almost incredible statement that the French Government has officially communicated to the Japanese Government its desire to "borrow" (*kari ireru*) the Pescadores with the object of forming an anchorage there for the French squadron. The *Chu-o Shimbun* is the journal responsible for the publication of the rumour, for we suppose it can hardly be regarded as anything else, though it is somewhat remarkable that it was the *Chu-o Shimbun* which first stated that news had reached the Government which raised a question more important than any arising since the retrocession of Liao-tung. Before the rumour can be credited, however, we must believe that Japan is to be provoked by the Triple Alliance to a conflict in which Great Britain might be forced to take part, and this appears altogether against the policy of the Three Powers.

At the Police Court yesterday, before Hon. H. E. Wodehouse, Francis de Souza, of Government Villas East, summoned F. A. Pearson, of Government Villas West, for assault. The complainant is a watchman in the employ of the Sanitary Board and the defendant is an overseer in the Public Works Department. According to the plaintiff's version he lent the defendant some candles and oil on Boxing Day and defendant then invited him to his house. The invitation was accepted and during the evening the defendant, who had been drinking, said he would like to hang up all the coloured people on the highest trees in Hongkong. The complainant told him not to use insulting words and then defendant struck him a violent blow on the nose. In answer to Mr. Master, who appeared for the defendant, the complainant denied using any vulgar expression or saying that he would fight any Portuguese in the colony. Mr. Master said the assault was committed because complainant used very bad language in the presence of defendant's wife and children. The Magistrate adjourned the case until to-morrow and advised the parties to settle the affair out of court.

A long glass of pure cold water is the only refreshment, either liquid or solid, that has been seen in the Supreme Court since the commencement of the synagogue case. The Chief Justice had the water brought in to him while Mr. Pollock was addressing the Court for the defence. We do not suppose for a moment that the water was introduced because the learned gentleman's remarks were in any way dry, because we believe the Judge was suffering from a slight cold and had an occasional sip to relieve soreness of the throat. It is somewhat remarkable what great fortitude the counsel and judge have displayed during the case. The hearing has been a painfully long one and will not conclude until sometime next year, and yet each day the counsel have gone out of court apparently quite fresh and have appeared again the next morning as full of vigour as ever, while his Lordship, who really has the most tiresome task, has in no way showed any lack of energy. To sit all day in court is a most wearisome duty. We remember one judge—we think it was the late Baron Pollock—who occasionally promenaded up and down the Bench to exercise his legs and his pen—make notes of evidence or addresses of counsel—while Justice Bruce, who would never ride in the Judge's carriage while on circuit, but always walked to the assize courts, had a cup of tea and a biscuit about three o'clock in the afternoon. Why not make an innovation of that sort in the Hongkong courts? During the hearing of the Beasarta case in Shanghai coffee and cigars were handed round to the Judge, counsel, solicitors, and reporters. And yet only one glass of unadulterated water has been seen in court during the synagogue case!

Capt. Little, 21st Punjab Infantry, who has been appointed Second in Command of the Hongkong Regiment, vice Major Retallick, appointed Commandant, arrived here on Tuesday.

We are requested to announce that owing to unavoidable circumstances the "At home" at the Officers' Mess, Hongkong Regiment, has been postponed from Friday, 31st instant, to Friday, the 7th January.

A football match under Association Rules, Hongkong Colts *v.* H.M.S. *Alacrity*, will be played at Happy Valley this afternoon. Kick-off at 4.30 p.m. The following will represent the Colts:—Goal, R. F. Lammert; backs, A. Ellis and Tuohy; halves, P. Hyndman, J. M. de Carvalho, and N. A. Gonsalves; forwards, T. Yall, L. A. Rose, R. Henderson, J. Craig, and H. A. Seth.

A girl who had been living for some time in a house of ill repute at Hongkong returned to her native home, Fukiaimura, Kobe, recently, and took back with her to Hongkong two more girls. The two girls wrote from Hongkong to their parents asking them to give information to the authorities. A man who assisted in the abduction of the girls has been arrested, and so also has the mother of the girl who came home on a visit from Hongkong. It was discovered that the old woman had over 1,000 yen in the bank, which she had received from her daughter out of which to maintain herself.—*Kobe Chronicle.*

Matters now look serious, says the *Japan Gazette* of 21st December, concerning the safety of the *Pelican* from America. She is now nearly seventy days out, and nothing has been seen or heard of her. Captain Wright of the N. P. S. S. *Mogul* was ordered to keep a sharp look out, but nothing was seen of the overdue vessel. Fears are also entertained for the safety of the British steamer *Lady Furness*, chartered by the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, which left Kuchinotsu for Singapore on the 8th November. She is now over five weeks out and nothing has been seen or heard of her. It will be remembered, however, that the *Strathnevis* was seventy-five days out, having met with an accident to her propeller.

The Messageries Maritimes steamer *Saghalien*, which left Kobe for Yokohama at 7 a.m. on the 14th December broke down on the way up to Yokohama. At 6 p.m. the same day she was brought to a standstill by the breaking of the connecting rod, which in its turn smashed up the cylinder cover, piston, go a-head guide and guide shoes, also severely damaging the bed plate. Fortunately, says the *Japan Gazette*, the *Saghalien* is supplied with triple expansion engines and the damage, though considerable, was only to the intermediate engines. The wreckage having been cleared away she was able to start at noon the following day and made her way into port with such little assistance as her sails afforded. Great credit is due to her captain and officers in bringing her in only twenty-two hours behind her expected time and this with a delay of close on eighteen hours.

RUMOURED SEIZURE OF HAINAN BY THE FRENCH.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE "DAILY PRESS."]

SINGAPORE, 29th December.

It is rumoured here to-day that the French have seized Hainan.

H.M.S. "POWERFUL."

ARRIVAL AT SINGAPORE.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE "DAILY PRESS."]

SINGAPORE, 29th December.

H.M.S. *Powerful* has arrived here and leaves to-day for Hongkong.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS."]

LONDON, 27th December.

RUSSIA AND CHINA.

It is stated in St. Petersburg that the Russians have occupied Kinchau, North of Port Arthur.

THE GERMAN CHINA SQUADRON.

Prince Henry's Squadron has arrived at Gibraltar. Prince Henry on landing was received with a guard of honour from the Grenadier Guards and dined with the Governor.

SUPREME COURT.

29th December.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE SIR JOHN CARRINGTON (CHIEF JUSTICE.)

GUBBAY AND OTHERS *v.* BELILIOS.

The hearing was resumed of the equity suit in which the plaintiffs, D. A. Gubbay, A. J. Raymond, and A. J. David petitioned the Court, on behalf of themselves and of all others of the Jewish community in Hongkong, except the defendant, for a declaration that the defendant purchased a certain lot of land in this colony known as Inland Lot No. 1,381, as a trustee for and on behalf of the plaintiffs and of all the other members of the Jewish community in Hongkong, and that he now hold the property in trust for the Jewish community subject to the payment to him of whatever monies he expended in the purchase.

Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C. (instructed by Mr. O. D. Thomson, of Messrs. Deacon and Hastings), appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. H. E. Pollock (instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist) for the defendant.

Mr. Pollock addressed the Court on behalf of the defence. He said the first point he had to make was a technical one. The suit purported to be brought by Messrs. D. A. Gubbay, A. J. Raymond, and A. J. David for and on behalf of themselves and of all other members of the Jewish community in Hongkong except the defendant. The action was not brought in any form authorized by the law of this colony.

Mr. Francis, interrupting, submitted that it was too late to take that point, which ought to have been taken at the earliest possible moment. It was an objection for want of parties.

His Lordship said he preferred to hear what Mr. Pollock had to say.

Mr. Pollock said that until the plaintiffs had produced their evidence it was impossible to say what authority they had to sue in that way. The only evidence they attempted to bring forward as justifying their form of action was the document of the 10th June, 1897, which purported to authorize the three plaintiffs to sue in their own names for and on behalf of the Jewish community. That document was signed by only thirty-two members of the Jewish community. He would point out, in passing, that the document of the 16th May, 1896, appointing certain persons as trustees, was signed by forty members of the community, and it was stated in the petition that the community consisted of 143 persons, including boys and girls; there were 77 men and women, so that the signatories to the document of the 10th June did not number half the adult members of the community. Counsel also submitted that that document was practically waste paper so far as this action was concerned, because the writ was issued on the 25th May, 1897, or fifteen days before the document was signed. The action was therefore brought without authority. In support of this contention counsel quoted the case of Davis *v.* Reilly, reported in the "Weekly Notes" of 2nd November, 1897, in which the Divisional Court, Justices Wright and Kennedy, ruled that it was necessary to show what was the actual state of affairs at the date of the commencement of the action—the date of the issue of the writ. Counsel had a further contention, that the law of this colony did not authorize the three plaintiffs to sue for and on behalf of themselves and others. There was no such provision in the Code, which, he was afraid, was defective in many respects. The suit was also brought in a wrong form in asking for a declaration of trust, and therefore the suit must fail. That prayer was founded simply and solely on the allegation that Mr. Belilios bought the lot as a trustee for the Jewish community, an allegation which was not in any way supported by evidence. In fact Mr. David and Mr. D. R. Sassoon, two of the so-called trustees, were on the very date of the sale against the site in Kennedy Road and so continued until October, 1896. In regard to the defendant's intentions counsel submitted that he made no more than an offer to sell. The letter which Mr. Danby wrote to the Director of Public Works stating that he was requested by a good client of his (Mr. Belilios) to apply for the ground to be put up for sale showed that Mr. Belilios contemplated utilising Inland Lot 1,381 for himself, although there was no doubt, as appeared from the letter written by Mr. Moses to Mr. Siles on the following day, that he was willing to give a site for the synagogue. All along Mr. Belilios intended to utilize the land for himself if a portion of it was not taken for the purposes of a synagogue. Counsel contended that the defendant contemplated utilising lot 1,381, in conjunction with the upper lots, although he still left open his offer of the site for the synagogue. It was a matter of common sense that there had been no declaration of trust, because if the Jewish community had continued to be averse to the lot, as the leading members were up to the end of 1896, what would have been the position? Would Mr. Belilios have been under any obligation, either legal or equitable, to transfer lot 1,381? Counsel submitted he would not have been under any obligation, and therefore how could it be said that Mr. Belilios was trustee? He had not parted with any interest in the property, but had simply made a conditional offer. Counsel then quoted a number of cases in support of his contention that there could have been no declaration of trust. Counsel then submitted that it was for his friend to reply to the arguments in regard to the two points raised, as if his Lordship agreed that the contentions were correct there would be an end to the whole case and defendant would be entitled to judgment.

In reply to his Lordship Mr. Francis said such a method of procedure was unprecedented. It was open to his learned friend to put forward those points at an earlier stage of the proceedings.

After some further discussion His Lordship said it would be more convenient to adjourn the case and he would consider, the petition being framed as it was, whether the Court could on the facts before it decree a specific performance, assuming that the facts did not support a declaration of trust.

The Court then adjourned until 10.30 this morning.

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3rd December, 1897.

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Have started several men to break ore in stopes above the 200 and 150 ft. levels, and are engaged hauling ore eight hours per day from these levels. Driving on the lode north and south will be resumed shortly. Expect to have full complement of men working underground next week.

G. L. 105.—Reef in bottom of underlie shaft improving, but owing to the excessively hot weather experienced lately have been troubled with foul air. Steps will be taken to remedy this at once.

Olivers Battery.—The new spur wheel to replace the broken one arrived late on Saturday, 27th ult., and was put in position as soon as possible and other portions of works that had to be removed in order to get the broken wheel off, and the new one on, were replaced, and crushing was resumed at 12 o'clock on Sunday night and we are now crushing at the rate of about 200 tons per week.

Everything in connection with both mine and machinery is in first class order, and unless something that is impossible to foresee occurs we ought to have a long and successful run.

The General Managers have also received the following telegram:—"A crushing of 400 tons of quartz from Eureka has yielded ½ an ounce to the ton. Shaft has reached a depth of 300 feet.

THE HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Mr. J. Y. V. Vernon in his weekly share report, dated 29th December, says:—

The Christmas holidays have materially interfered with business and there is but little to report. Rates have ruled steady without much variation and close with an upward tendency.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghais have ruled quiet with only small sales at 176 per cent prem. cash and 185 for March delivery. The latest home quotation is £41 10s., a drop of £1, doubtless due to the somewhat unsettled state of politics in the Far East. Nationals have changed hands at $22½, and Bank of Chinas remain unchanged and without business.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Cantons have changed hands at $155½ cum dividend payable on the 3rd January, and at the equivalent rate of $150½ ex. dividend. Yangtszes are on offer at the reduced rate of $140 without finding buyers. There is nothing further to report under this heading.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkongs have changed hands at $365 and Chinas at $106.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macaos have changed hands in small lots at $27½ and later in somewhat large parcels at $28, closing firm with buyers at $28½. Other stocks under this heading remain unchanged and without business, but Indo-Chinas are enquired for at $51.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have ruled somewhat quieter at $159 and $158 with small sales. At time of closing, however, the market is stronger with sales at $159 and $160. Luzons are still neglected and quiet at quotation.

MINING.—Punjoms have changed hands at $5.50, $5.65, $5.75, and $5.85, cum new call, for Ordinaries and at $1.50 for Preferences. Jelebus have again been negotiated at $2 and Charbonnages at $110. Olivers have found small buyers at $19 for A. and at $7, $7½, and $7¼ for B. shares. Raubs have ruled steady to strong, with sales at $21½ and $22, closing at $22 with buyers. Great Easterns and Caledonians have found buyers at $3 for $2½ paid up, closing steady to strong; the latest written news from the mine states the discovery of two new reefs with good indications, which, however, it is not proposed to develop by sinking new shafts, as they can in all probability be got at from the shafts which are now in course of sinking.

DOCKS, WHARVES, AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have improved to 222 per cent. prem. with small sales and a steady market at that rate; shares are enquired for at equivalent rates forward, but the demand is not met. Kowloon Wharves remain unchanged and without business. Wanchais could be placed at $41.

LANDS, HOTELS, AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands have changed hands in small lots at $74. Hotels are enquired for at $50 without leading to business and sales are reported at $50½ and $51. West Points and Humphreys unchanged and neglected.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Green Islands after sales at $33½ and $33¾ (old issue) have advanced to $34, whilst the new issue has been done at $18¾ and $18½. There is nothing else to report under this heading.

An important legal question has been submitted for the decision of the Court of Crown Cases Reserved. The case involved the issue as to whether a person entering a restaurant where he was unknown and ordering a dinner for which he was unable to pay was liable to be criminally convicted for obtaining goods or otherwise for obtaining credit under false pretences. In October last a man named Jones entered a restaurant and ordered and ate a 4s. dinner, for which he was unable to pay, having only 1d. He was charged and sentenced to three months' imprisonment, and the point now raised was whether the transaction involved a question of contract or one of fraud. Judgment was reserved.

ENGLAND'S SPHERE OF INFLUENCE.

What is meant by "Chusan and its dependencies?" The Bocca Tigris Convention was negotiated mainly with reference to China's protracted reluctance to admit British subjects to Canton. The first epoch of that reluctance culminated in acts of violence in 1840, the immediate results of which were the despatch of Sir Gordon Bremer's expedition, the occupation of Chusan and Kulangsu, and various military operations. These islands were subsequently held as security for the fulfilment of the engagements made by China in the Treaty of Nanking (1842), namely, residential and tradal facilities for British subjects in Canton, Amoy, Foochow, Ningpo and Shanghai; the cession of Hongkong, the payment of an indemnity of 21 million dollars, and certain minor concessions. But in the one point of opening Canton, China found herself unable to keep faith, and after four years of waiting, the British Government withdrew the garrison from Chusan, concluding, at the same time, the Bocca Tigris Convention. Looking merely at the letter of the Convention, "Chusan and its dependencies" may be interpreted to mean the group of islands at the mouth of the Yangtze River. But looking to the circumstances under which the convention was concluded, its intention would appear to have been the insurance of the whole coast between Canton and the mouth of the Yangtze against foreign aggression. Germany at Samsha would be planted between Hongkong and Chusan. She would virtually command the mouth of the Yangtze as compared with England at Hongkong. Is it probable that England, with the Bocca Tigris Convention in her pocket, would submit to that very material change of conditions? We can not think so. At the time of the Liaotung affair, when public excitement ran so high about the *coup* made by the Three Powers and about the transfer of the centre of gravity of Far-Eastern politics to Berlin—St. Petersburg would have been a more accurate analysis—we ventured to point out that England, quietly and without seeking any one's co-operation, had made a more momentous and significant stroke off her own bat by sending a squadron up the Yangtze and guaranteeing the neutrality of the greatest water-way in the East, the line of division between northern and southern China. The most superficial observer could not mistake the import of England's action on that occasion. It was an open declaration that she intended to preserve the continuity of the policy mapped out in the Convention of 1846, and that her resolve was to guarantee complete freedom of trade, and full security from foreign aggression, for the regions tapped by the Yangtze River. The idea of England's entering into an agreement, or accepting even the bare suggestion of an understanding, with any European Power to map out mutual "spheres of influence" or lines of partition in China is not to be entertained for an instant. Without pretending to claim any high standard of international morality for the British nation, we do allege that a plundering project of that nature would be hooted throughout the length and breadth of the land. But during the long course of England's commercial relations and unhappy quarrels with China, extending over an interval of 57 years, there has been clearly indicated a policy which may be said to have been traced with the blood of her soldiers not less than with the pens of her diplomats. Virtually by her strength alone the coastwise provinces of Kwangtung, Fukhien, Chehkiang, and Kiangsu have been opened to foreign trade, and the water-way from the two last to the seven inland provinces of China—the provinces extending from Burmah to the lower reaches of the Yangtze—has been kept open. That there has been any deliberate scheme of aggression on such a huge scale, we do not think of asserting. But events have assuredly shaped themselves so that England, if confronted with the contingency of foreign aggression in the districts lying between the mouth of the Yangtze and Hongkong, would be justified in pointing to the history of her relations with China since 1840, and in claiming that a sphere has been delimited for her by a train of incidents not to be misconstrued or minimized.—*Japan Mail.*

BIG LONDON BLAZES.

FORERUNNERS OF THE RECENT DISASTER.

The history of big London blazes goes back to the year 982, when a great part of the City was destroyed, including St. Paul's Cathedral. A similar catastrophe occurred in 1087, and in 1212 took place the burning of London Bridge. This latter conflagration was rendered for ever memorable, owing to the fearful loss of life involved. The fire broke out on the Southwark side of the structure, which was, of course, of wood, and attracted an immense concourse of people. Suddenly the other end was involved, and of five thousand people who were thus hemmed in between the two conflagrations, more than three thousand were either burned to death or drowned.

The "Great Fire" of 1666 raged for five days, during which period were destroyed eighty-eight churches and 13,200 houses. The ruins covered four hundred acres, and among the notable public buildings reduced to ashes were old St. Paul's, the Royal Exchange, the Custom House, the Guildhall, Sion College, and all the city gates save one. The generally-received opinion concerning this visitation was that it was the work of the "Papists," and an inscription to that effect was placed upon the Monument, erected ten years later in commemoration of the catastrophe. This inscription, it is interesting to note, was not removed until 1831.

Coming down to more recent times, the great Tooley-street fire stands out pre-eminent. It broke out at Cotton's Wharf, about half-past four o'clock on the afternoon of June 22, 1861, and continued burning for a month. About twenty people lost their lives, including Mr. Braidwood, the then chief of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, who was crushed to death by some falling debris. The amount of the damage was more than £2,000,000 sterling.

Another great-river-side fire occurred at St. Katharine's Docks on New Year's Day, 1866. Her Majesty's Theatre was burned on December 6, 1867; and this was followed, some two months later, by the destruction of the Oxford Music-hall.

But, the *year of fires par excellence*—so far, that is, as London is concerned—was undoubtedly 1882. The "ball" was "opened" in January by a terrific blaze at Morson and Son's chemical works; followed in September by the burning of the Philharmonic Theatre, Islington. On November 17 a fire, involving the destruction of £100,000 worth of property, broke out at Whiteley's, in Westbourne-grove. On the evening of December 17 the Alhambra Theatre was destroyed, and three persons lost their lives; and the day following broke out the Wood-street fire, the biggest of all. This latter burned for forty-eight hours, in which time property to the value of more than two millions of pounds sterling was reduced to dust and ashes. Among great wholesale City firms whose premises were gutted, were Messrs. Rylands and Co., Foster, Porter, and Co., and Silber and Fleming. On the 15th of the same month occurred another big warehouse fire, this time in Cheapside. On the 17th St. John's Church, Forest-hill, was totally destroyed, and finally, on Boxing Day, another big blaze wrought terrible havoc at Whiteley's.

The next great outbreak was the famous Paternoster-row fire, April 2, 1884. It began in a back room on the premises of Messrs. Pardon and Sons, wholesale stationers and printers; but spread with such amazing rapidity that within half an hour of the first alarm being given, more than a dozen warehouses were involved, including the extensive premises of Faudel and Phillips, Williams, and Smith Brothers. The dome of St. Paul's Cathedral was brilliantly illuminated, and this unwonted spectacle attracted an enormous concourse of people from all quarters of the metropolis, effectively hindering, for a time, the efforts of the Brigade to cope with the flames. Eventually order was restored by a force of 400 police, under Superintendent Foster.

A fire which occurred in the early morning of April 24, 1885, at 194, Union-street, Borough, is rendered memorable owing to the heroic conduct of the servant girl Alice Ayres, who saved the lives of her master's three children, and was fatally burned herself in doing so. She died three days later, and in the meantime was the recipient of more than 3,000 letters and telegrams of inquiry and condolence, two of the earliest being from the Queen and the Princess of Wales.

The year 1889 was rendered memorable by the Milton-street fire, May 6, damage £250,000; the Charterhouse-square fire; and the awful catastrophe at Forest Gate Industrial School, by which twenty-six lads lost their lives.

On December 30, 1890, occurred the great fire in Queen Victoria-street, in the course of which £500,000 worth of property was destroyed. This was another warehouse conflagration, but it differed from all that preceded it in that it took place while the weather was of Arctic severity. Icicles formed among the burning débris, the water froze round the nozzles of the branches, and the firemen became quickly encased from helmets to boots in coats of glass-like mail. Captain Shaw, with thousands of tiny icicles clinging to his hair and beard, looked a veritable Santa Claus.

Since this famous fire there has happily been no really first-rate flare up, until the disastrous outbreak of Friday; if we except, perhaps, the St. Mary Axe fire of July 18, 1893, when damage was done to the amount of more than a quarter of a million sterling.—*Daily Mail.*

THE CHINESE AT SAN FRANCISCO.

A CLAN FEUD SETTLED.

The *San Francisco Chronicle* of the 25th November contains the following account of the settlement of a clan feud of old standing amongst the Chinese community. The Mr. Ho Yow referred to is a brother of the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai:—

Chinese highbinders who have been preying on the merchants of Chinatown for the past two years lost their occupation last night. The boycott between the Sam Yup and See Yup factions was ended at a meeting of Chinese merchants held in the rooms of the Six Companies.

No meeting yet held among the Chinese merchants has been productive of greater results. For two years a war has been waged, which has caused all concerned an immense sum of money, much bloodshed and a hundred and one other troubles that apparently the highest authorities among the Chinese were powerless to avert.

When the new Chinese Minister, Wu Ting Fang, came to this city he was accompanied by a very mild-mannered secretary, Ho Yow, whom he instructed to investigate the condition of affairs. He set himself to the task with a will, and found the cause of all the trouble. He went on to Washington with the Minister, but was sent back a few weeks ago, armed with instructions to settle the trouble at any cost. He called several meetings of the Chinese merchants, and for a time it appeared that his efforts would be futile. He persevered, however, and, backed by the power of the Chinese Government, he has finally succeeded in arranging a truce, the terms of which were settled at last night's meeting.

Under the new arrangement all trade restrictions have been removed. Every Chinese can now trade where he will, and the restriction on business relations between the members of the two companies has been removed. The Six Companies are to be entirely reorganized. Each district in China which has its men here will be represented by a man selected by the leading merchants, and these will elect in turn a man to take charge of the affairs of the new association. Over the meetings a representative from the Consulate will preside, and he will have extraordinary powers. On the intercourse between themselves, however, only the acting president or manager of the new Six Companies will be consulted.

At the meeting held last night all the leading merchants of the See Yup and Sam Yup companies were present. It was held in the rooms of the Chung Wa, in Commercial Street. Over fifty were present, and, after Vice-Consul Ho Yow had explained the situation to them and insisted on a settlement of all differences, there was a long discussion of ways and means.

Various resolutions and regulations were presented to the meeting, notably several having for their object the dissolution of the highbinder tongs. These were adopted without a dissenting voice. Other subjects were discussed, and arrangements were made for bringing the Chinese in better touch with the white people. Sanitary and police regulations will be enforced, the members of each company agreeing to the enforcement among their own members of all police regulations.

As a result of this meeting notices and proclamations will be posted some time to-day calling upon all highbinders and other lawless subjects of the Chinese Emperor to end the strife, declaring the boycott off, and advising them to take care of themselves in future.

After the meeting See Yup and Sam Yup merchants salaamed and drank wine and strangers for two years past renewed acquaintance. Vice-Consul Ho Yow was freely congratulated on the success of his labours.

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

A single bell is made by a German manufacturer to give more than one note. A number of dents divide the bell into sections of different sizes, and each section, when struck, emits a tone corresponding to its size.

In French trials, a mixture of ten parts of air and one part of acetylene has proven suitable for ordinary gas engines, giving three times the energy of ordinary illuminating gas.

In addition to the knowledge that is called skill or art, explained Dr. Pye-Smith at University College, Sheffield, there is another kind of knowledge that is contemplative and theoretical, and we call this science. The abstract sciences seem to have arisen out of the useful arts—geometry out of measuring the rising of the Nile, arithmetic out of counting the hosts of a Persian despot or the gains of an Indian money-lender, trigonometry out of setting landmarks, chemistry out of the alchemist's search after gold, botany out of materia medica, and anatomy out of surgery. Amply has the debt been repaid. At the present time all the progress in the useful arts is called "scientific," and rightly so, for all depends upon natural science. Agriculture rests on the basis of organic chemistry, geology, and botany, navigation on astronomy, the working of metals on physics and chemistry, engineering on mathematics, medicine on physiology, and if ever the art of governing mankind is to be more than empirical, it will rest on profound knowledge of palæontology and neuro-physiology.

On a small grass-plot in the city of Worcester is settled a remarkable colony that seems to be quite new to the locality—a band of highly phosphorescent earthworms. This annelid, according to Mr. J. Lloyd-Bozward in *Nature*, is round, pellucid, about two inches in length, and apparently without segmentation. It is *entirely luminous*. The phosphorescence, which is under control, has the bright greenish colour of the glow-worm's light, and when in glow its secretion is luminous, making a luminous trail. At night stamping on the ground or slight pressure causes the creatures to come to the surface and light up.

Tests of molybdenum steel by a St. Petersburg chemist show that it resembles tungsten steel, but is made softer by annealing and harder by high heating. It stands fire and tempering better, showing no fissures where tungsten steel very often does.

A few years ago chemical analysis was relied on to determine the fitness of water for drinking, and sufficient dilution of poisonous matter was regarded as making it harmless. This is changed. The problem is now looked upon as a biological rather than a chemical one, and the purity of the water is judged by the character of the organisms it may contain, the fact being recognized that even the minutest possible quantity of foreign matter—if it be a disease germ—may be sufficient to start an epidemic. The danger consists not in the quantity of such organisms but in their power of growth under certain conditions. Typhoid fever, cholera, and certain forms of dysentery are the chief diseases whose infection it is generally admitted can live in water, but Dr. M. A. Veeder, of Troy, N.Y., states that during the last ten years he has maintained that the term malaria, meaning bad air, is a misnomer, and that diseases of this class are very largely, if not exclusively, conveyed in water. Admitting this, drinking water brings two classes of danger. Water taken from near human habitations may be contaminated with typhoid and diarrhœa from excreta, and that from virgin soil and undrained districts may bear the germs of malaria. Shallow wells in alluvial soil also may yield malarial infection. In many localities safe water can only be had by purification, and for this an intermittent filtration—taking advantage of a recently discovered antagonism between what are known as nitrifying organisms and disease germs—may be better than sand filtration alone, the water being allowed to stand in the filter until introduced nitrifying organisms have had time to destroy their foes. For home purification of water boiling is most convenient. Dr. Veeder's plan is to allow the boiled water to deposit its sediment in a stone jar, then to transfer it to air-tight glass fruit-jars, and store in a cool cellar or an ice-chest. Such water is clear and palatable, and keeps long.

A communication to the Paris Academy of Medicine states that not less than 95 per cent of the native children of Peking are affected by threadworms. Other small intestinal parasites are equally common in adults, as a result of the use of polluted drinking water and of raw vegetables from sewage-irrigated fields, the European residents, who use comparatively pure water and cooked vegetables, being almost entirely unaffected. Tapeworm, on the other hand, is found in 20 per cent. of the Europeans, while it is very rare in the Chinese.

Movable bubbles are often seen in quartz and other crystals, but the appearance and disappearance of inclusions of this kind is a bit of Nature's magic not often observed. An interesting experience with a cerulean blue sapphire is given by Mr. W. S. Beekman in *The Microscope.* This was a beautiful gem of nine carats, but it had a flaw, and one cold morning he was astonished to see a moving bubble in this flaw as he picked up the stone. He hastened away to show the phenomenon to a friend. He could find no bubble for his friend, however, and at home he sought it again in vain, then tried to reason that it had in some way worked out of the stone. The search was resumed in the evening. Turning on the light, there again was the bubble, but it was falling to pieces, and in a few moments had disappeared! Its vanishing was a trick of temperature. Between 85 degrees and 86 degrees Fahr—which is the critical point of carbonic acid when under a pressure of 90 atmospheres—the bubble changed from a liquid to an invisible gas.

The firing of a candle through a door or pine plank will no longer excite our wonder. A more striking illustration of the penetrative power of light matter at high velocity has been furnished by Capt. Cooper Key, R.A., as a result of experiments on firing gas in mines. For a bore-hole was employed a special gun, which was charged with high explosive, tamped by pressed cylinders of raw dry clay 3 inches long and about 2 inches in diameter. The blasting acted in various mixtures of air, coal-dust gas, etc., and to stop the course of the plug and break it into dust a cast-iron target plate 1 inch thick was placed 25 feet in front, at an angle of 45 deg. After three or four shots the inch iron plate was penetrated by the clay plug, weighing 7½ ounces.

The beaver appears to be gaining slightly in Norway where it was once very numerous, as Prof. Collett estimates the present number at 100, while there were but 60 in 1880. A few specimens of the European species are still found in some districts on the Rhone, the Elbe, and the Danube.

The cause of the deterioration of paper is to be investigated by a committee of the London Society of Arts. Much of the paper now made cannot be expected to endure many years.

SPORT AND ANECDOTE.

BY AN OLD FOGEY.

AN ARTFUL DODGE.

Perhaps a few people who were "in the know" may be able to recall the little incident I am about to relate concerning the trapping of a bookmaker at an athletic gathering not a thousand miles from Manchester. Upon the publication of the handicaps, a certain race—the mile flat—was thought to be at the mercy of a runner who bore a well-known name. We will call this runner A. In the handicap there was only only one man likely to beat A.—we will call this one B. To back A. was voted the correct thing by the cognoscenti, and when the race was about to come on A. was installed a prime favourite. This did not suit A.'s friends nor, indeed, did it suit A. himself. Before disrobing for the race A. strolled casually amongst the betting fraternity, and approaching one who knew him requested the loan of a "fiver," depositing, for the time being, his gold watch and chain as security. In return for the favour of the loan, A. confided to the penciller that the "fiver" was for the purpose of backing B., who was sure to win protested A. Naturally, Mr. Penciller did not desire to book a bet like that, and so A. departed to put his money on elsewhere. So far the scheme had worked wonderfully well. Meeting another friend, A. succeeded in borrowing five pounds from him with which to release his watch and chain. This he did, and the bookmaker, relying upon what A. had said, began to increase the rate odds, and in a few minutes B. was a firm favourite. Then came the consummation of the coup. A.'s latest friend was let into the secret, and entrusted with a commission to back him (A.) for as much as could be obtained. This was done, and when the race came to be decided B. was unable to live the pace set by A. when the pinch came, A., of course, winning easily. It was one of the most bare-faced bits of trickery one can imagine, but it is needless to add that A. did not seek an interview with the bookmaker who lent the fiver on the watch, and was swindled for his pains. Impersonation by professionals is not quite so common as it used to be, the risk being rather too great now that the A.A.A. pursue offenders so relentlessly. Very often, however, changes are rung with names and starts, although it has to be done very carefully to escape the vigilance of the officials.

A STAGE REMINISCENCE.

Leaving for the nonce the sharp practices of our amateurs in sport, the little reminiscence of the stage I am about to relate occurred in the long ago, but as it was my first and last appearance on the boards the incidents are still fresh in my memory. For many, many weeks we had rehearsed that laughable little sketch, "Robert Macaire." The object of our performance being a charitable one, we of course relied upon the indulgence of our audience to a very large extent. We had a martinet for stage manager, and to his credit it must be said that when the eventful evening arrived for the production of the piece we were all, at least, letter perfect. A theatre stage, with scenery and appointments, had been kindly placed at our disposal, with stage carpenter and property man complete. There are few people, I imagine, who have not seen the piece I have mentioned above, but your humble servant was cast for the part of Sergeant Loupy, the *officer of gendarme*, who effects the capture of the easy-going rascal, Macaire, and his confederate, Jacques Strop. I need not detail the progress of our little play, but will come to my own troubles, which commenced very early. Arrayed in top-boots, military tunic, helmet and sword, it may easily be imagined that I felt none too free in my actions, the particular source of trouble being the dangling sword. For five minutes or more I was at the entrance in the centre of the stage with my subordinates, ready for the cue on the instant. As wayward Fate would have it, it so happened that just as I should have led my officers on to the stage "Marie" (the leading lady), required my assistance for something at the back, and when I returned my cue had been lost. The innkeeper and his waiter, however, proved equal to the occasion, much to my relief, for they carried on a conversation, and filled in what must have been an embarrassing hiatus with commendable tact. Finding this out very quickly I interrupted the impromptu dialogue by marching on with all the military precision I could command, took up "the book" again, and was quickly seated at the supper table, laid out with boiled beef, ham, and bottled stout. It was with a sense of unutterable relief that I found my sword swing into an easy position—for it had showed a decided tendency to get between my legs whenever I released it from my grasp—and the only thing to do with my helmet was to place it quietly on the floor by the side of my chair. This was unfortunate for me. Shall I ever forget that mock meal? Served as it was upon an extremely narrow table, it was almost a matter of impossibility for our "Jacques Strop" to dispose of himself at all comfortably in hiding, consequently the first movement he made underneath the table upset the glass of porter right over my plate of food, which I had to cut up as it swam in liquid. Everything has an end, and that supper came to an end not a second too soon. But my troubles were not over. In taking his seat at the table one of the officers had inadvertently kicked my helmet under my chair, and when ready to make my exit that headgear had disappeared as completely as the glass of porter. Scarcely as I would with my eyes in the few seconds at my disposal I gave it up for lost, and marched off bareheaded, with that horrid sword clanking first on the stage and then on my heels! To say my collar was tight and my neck burning hot but faintly describes my feelings. Henceforth, however, the melodrama ran along smoothly enough, and all ended happily as the novelists

have it. From that day to this I have never been persuaded to try my luck again, having concluded that acting was too pregnant with possibilities for me.

ROUGH ON "LUCULLUS."

A good story is told by Percy Fitzgerald in his delightful collection concerning the American actor, Forrest, and a player called Selwyn, who enthusiastically got himself cast for the part of Lucullus in "Damon and Pythias," in order to have the honour of playing with the great tragedian. The rehearsals all went smoothly. "Here I seize you," said Mr. Forrest. "Certainly, sir," said Mr. Selwyn, cheerfully. "Here I put you off at first entrance," said Mr. Forrest. "Quite right, sir," replied Selwyn, who was getting on capitally. "You must give yourself up to me," said Mr. Forrest. "Never fear, sir," replied Selwyn, with a trusting smile. The eventful night arrived. Selwyn was beautifully attired in spotless tights and Roman tunic. The whole company admired him as he stood in a graceful attitude at the wing. Then his cue was given and he walked upon the stage a "thing of beauty." He spoke his little lines with modest emphasis. Suddenly the muscular tragedian advanced upon him like an angry tiger upon a gentle lamb, seized him; shook him in the air; threw him from side to side; released him, only to pounce upon him again, like a cat playing with a mouse; swabbed the floor with him as if he had been a floor-cloth; held him at arm's length, amid the eager plaudits of the gallery boys, and at last flung him out of sight through the first entrance, and landed him in front of the prompter's box, a dirty, sore, perspiring, dishevelled, bruised, disgusted heap of humanity. "Ah," said a friend, coming up to him as he lay panting on the floor, "I see that you have been playing with Forrest." "No," groaned Selwyn, trying in vain to rise, "Forrest has been playing with me, and a nice object he's made of me!" Mr. Selwyn modestly but firmly declined to make a second appearance on the stage—at any rate, as Lucullus. I should imagine that Forrest, great tragedian though he may have been, was fortunate in dealing with an even-tempered Lucullus. It would not have done for everyone to be so treated.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE GOSSIP.

Although I felt a little inclined to alter the heading of this paragraph as soon as it was written, suddenly becoming conscious of the fact that it may be a little misleading I will venture to let it stand, promising that I have no intention of trespassing on the preserves of the many excellent writers whose duties are to deal with football "day by day." Certain little debateable questions having recently cropped up, it may not be amiss if we quietly survey the situation with unprejudiced minds. In the first place, I think the League Committeemen are to be very heartily complimented upon the spirited way in which they have addressed themselves to the problem of dealing with imported players on either side of the Tweed. The new regulation re the approaching of Scotch or English players, and the transfer of same, ought to work for the mutual advantage of both. I for one am no believer in the theory that Scotland has any monopoly of class players, and I am willing to admit as much with regard to England, Ireland, or Wales. But it is high time this poaching business was stopped, once and for all. Big gates have been responsible for the big wages sheets, and the absurdly high figures put upon the transfers of players, because the amounts could never be paid if the public did not provide the wherewithal. A wage of £4 or £5 a week all the year round, with nearly four months' holiday thrown into the bargain, appears to my untutored mind princely terms, but when it comes to bonuses for signing on, and extras for winning, it is time a public protest was made. Why should any honourable employe expect additional payment for doing a thing for which he has already been well paid? The thing is absurd. At the present moment football has secured a firm and, in the main, a deserved hold upon a very large section of the British public who delight in spectacular entertainment. But it seems to me that the question must soon arise whether or not the spectacles are too costly. There should be reason in all things, but when £500 or so is needed for the transfer of a player from one club to another the bounds of that sweet reasonableness which should obtain in all walks of life are being overstepped. So much for the financial aspect. Another topic I should like to touch briefly upon is the necessity for preserving a harmonious feeling between the management of the League and the clubs forming the organisation. Candidly speaking, I did not like to see the West Bromwich Albion Club refuse to allow one of its players to appear in an important fixture made by the Football League, and I am rather anxious to see what will come of it. Mr. McGregor has taken up a decided position on the question, and boldly sides with the Albion, and here I may as well say that I think he makes out a good case in defence. Without discussing the pros. and cons. of the case, I am decidedly of opinion that a little more forethought and tact on the part of the committee would have obviated any such thing as a trial of strength between a single club and the League being raised. Success for the greater body surely cannot lie in that direction. It is pretty well known that this particular club has had a long and arduous struggle for mere existence, in spite of its glorious traditions, and when it came to a question of self-preservation perhaps the officials of the club could not look upon the matter quite so disinterestedly as some may think they might have done. Responsibilities cut both ways, and I had rather see the League managers depending upon the loyalty of clubs than forcing through new laws of compulsion. The founder of the League argues rather prettily when he says there are thousands of people who look upon West Bromwich as a little spot in a remote part of England, who have admired the plucky efforts of the Albion year by year, and whose sympathies in any quarrel of this kind would be sure to go with the "little 'uns." Perhaps that may be so; the regrettable point is that any possibility of such a thing should have arisen.

AUSTRALIA'S FIRST "DEMON."

Some little time ago, I remember I had a little yarn to spin concerning the discomfiture of Spofforth, Australia's "demon" bowler. It was Christopherson, the Kentish player, who brought that about, but as the doings of our men at the Antipodes and the "no-balling" of Jones (Demon II.) will be talked about in all sporting circles let me relate an incident or two concerning F. R. Spofforth. An interviewer was explaining to him that lots of people were prepared to say that he could bowl anybody just when he liked, but Spofforth replied that he had only heard of one man who came to that conclusion, and the way, said the bowler, in which he did so was rather quaint. "We were playing against an eighteen in the north, and the son of an influential gentleman in the town had made the top score in the first innings. In the evening the father came to our hotel and said that his son could play 'the demon bowler' all day. I told the old gentleman, in fun, that it was only because I was so good-natured that I had let his son get any runs at all, and that I really thought I should have to bowl him in the first over for a duck's egg in the next innings. A friend of mine at once made a bet that I would do so, and it was immediately taken. I didn't like this at all, because the boy was really a good bat. However, I felt bound to go through with it now, especially as the father laughed at me for making such a rash statement. The next day, when the son came in, I made a fuss about arranging my field, and put them all very close in. Then I bowled a slow, but it didn't work. Next time I sent one down as fast as I could. He played it. Nothing came of the third ball either, and things were getting serious. But with the last one—four balls an over—the leg stump was taken right out of the ground and sent flying over Blackham's head. I think the father was convinced that I was a man of my word." Speaking of the hostility of the crowd when at his best, Spofforth declared that he never experienced anything but of the most friendly kind. When the Australians defeated Surrey at the Oval he was carried shoulder high to the pavillion, reaching there with very little of his shirt on his back. Once, however, they were playing at Keighley, Yorkshire, on a bumpy wicket. "I'm afraid," said the "Demon," "I was bowling very fast indeed, and was knocking the men about a little—a fast bowler has to frighten a batsman sometimes. Suddenly an old Yorkshireman rose up among the crowd, and, amid a dead silence, called out in his loudest tones, "Chuck t'long beggar up, he's trying to kill em." When at Sheffield, too, fielding in "the country," where the crowd had swarmed over the ropes, a ball had been hit in Spofforth's direction, and the people showed no disposition to let him get by. A Sheffielder, however, constituted himself spokesman, and yelled out "Mak' way for 'm, lads; let t'old demon have a chance." This was quite sufficient, for they made way in the most docile manner. With all the pace occasionally crowded on by Spofforth, and when the wicket was a bit fiery, it wanted more than ordinary skill and pluck to stand up to him, few complaints were heard about the fairness of his deliveries, whereas Jones gave anything but general satisfaction. For a fast and pretty bowler C. T. B. Turner was my especial favourite among Australians. But where is the man to excel our swarthy Surrey giant, genial Tom Richardson?

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VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. steamer *Gaelic*, with the American mail of the 7th instant, left Yokohama on Sunday, the 26th instant, and may be expected here on or about Sunday, 2nd January.

The P. M. steamer *City of Peking*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 18th instant.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. steamer *Yarra*, with the next French mail, left Singapore on Monday, the 27th instant at 11 p.m. for this port via Saigon.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The steamer *Chelydra*, from Calcutta and Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 25th instant at 5 p.m.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The E. & A. steamer *Australian*, from Sydney, &c., left Port Darwin for this port on the 27th instant.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The N. P. steamer *Pelican* sailed from Tacoma, Wn., on the 12th Oct., for Japan.

The N. P. steamer *Tacoma* sailed from Tacoma for Japan and Hongkong on the 20th instant.

The N. P. steamer *Columbia* has arrived at Yokohama and sailed for Kobe and Hongkong on the 23rd instant.

The steamer *Glenesk*, from New York and Straits, left Singapore for this port on Sunday, the 26th instant.

The N. P. steamer *Olympia* sailed from Yokohama for Portland on the 28th inst.

The Rickmers Line steamer *Deike Rickmers*, from Antwerp and Hamburg, passed the Canal on the 7th instant, and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 29th instant.

The D. D. R. steamer *Senta*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 24th inst. and may be expected here on or about the 30th inst.

The O. S. S. Co's steamer *Diomed* left Singapore on the 26th instant, and may be expected here on or about Sunday, the 2nd January.

The China Mutual Company's steamer *Pingsuey*, from Swansea and Liverpool, left Singapore for this port on the 27th inst. and may be expected here on or about the 2nd January.

The N. Y. K. steamer *Hakata Maru* (Europe Line) left Kobe via Moji for this port on the 28th instant, and is expected to arrive here on the 6th January.

The C. M. steamer *Ningchow*, from Glasgow, passed the Canal about 19th inst., and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 7th January.

PASSED THE CANAL.

OUTWARD.—3rd Dec.—*Benlarig*, *Ghazee*. 7th Dec.—*Argyll*, *Irene*, *Amphitrite*, *Orwell*, *St. Ronald*. 10th December—*Nestor*, *Tantalus*, *Ataka*. 14th December—*Shanghai*. 17th December—*Glengarry*, *Oolong*. 21st Dec.—*Preussen*, *Prometheus*. 24th Dec.—*Carmarthenshire*, *Maria Valerie*. 28th December—*Sydney*, *Mario Jebsen*, *Cam*, *Tiger*.

HOMEWARD.—28th December—*Bayern*.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

The authorised List of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one published twice each day in our Extra, which is corrected to a much later hour than that given below.

PEAK DELIVERY closes at Post Office at 11.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. or in Letter Boxes in the Cars by 12 and 3.30 o'clock Trams. Letter Boxes at Peak will be cleared at 12.30 and 4 p.m.

The Postal Guide for 1896, revised to date will be found in the *Chronicle and Directory*, P. XIX. This is the only authorised complete Summary of Postal information published in Hongkong.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Bangkok.—Per *Lienshing*, to-day, the 30th instant, at 10.00 A.M.

For Singapore, Colombo and Bombay.—Per *Idzumi Maru*, to-day, the 30th instant, at 10.00 A.M.

For Shanghai.—Per *Fuping*, to-day, the 30th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

For Shanghai.—Per *Anping*, to-day, the 30th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

For Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and Seattle.—Per *Riojun Maru*, to-day, the 30th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama.—Per *Rosetta*, to-morrow, the 31st inst., at 11.30 A.M.

For Singapore, Penang and Bombay.—Per *Letimbro*, to-morrow, 31st inst., at 11.30 A.M.

For Yokohama and Kobe.—Per *Changsha*, to-morrow, the 31st instant, at 1.30 P.M.

For Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.—Per *Arratoon Apcar*, to-morrow, the 31st instant, at 2.00 P.M.

For Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.—Per *Taiyuan*, to-morrow, the 31st inst., at 2.30 P.M.

For Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Portland, Or.—Per *Mogul*, on Saturday, 1st Jan., at 9.00 A.M.

For Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma, Wn.—Per *Columbia*, on Tuesday, the 11th Jan., at 11.30 A.M.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.

The British Contract Packet *Chusan*, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 30th inst., with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe and countries beyond, *via Brindisi*; to the Straits Settlements, Netherlands India, Burmah, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

8.00 A.M.—Posting of Prices Current and Circulars ceases.
10.00 A.M.—Registry ceases.
10.30 A.M.—Posting of newspapers, books, and patterns ceases.
11.00 A.M., Mail Closes.

LATE LETTERS may be posted (from 11.10 A.M.) with 10 cents late fee up to 11.30 A.M. after which hour they may be sent on board with the same late fee.

MAILS BY THE GERMAN PACKET.

The German Contract Packet *Prinz Heinrich*, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 4th January, with Mails for the United Kingdom Europe and countries beyond, *via Naples*, to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, &c., &c. Registry ceases at 7.30 A.M. The mail closes at 8.00 A.M. Late letters till 8.10 to 8.30 A.M. with 10 cents extra postage.

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COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS. WEDNESDAY, 29th December.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—
Telegraphic Transfer ... 1/11¼
Bank Bills, on demand ... 1/11¼
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ... 1/11¾
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ... 1/11½
Credits, at 4 months' sight ... 2/00
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight 2/0¼

ON PARIS.—
Bank Bills, on demand ... 2.48
Credits, at 4 months' sight ... 2.52½

ON GERMANY.—
On demand ... 2.01

ON NEW YORK.—
Bank Bills, on demand ... 47¾
Credits, 60 days' sight ... 48¾

ON BOMBAY.—
Telegraphic Transfer ... 149¼
Bank, on demand ... 150

ON CALCUTTA.—
Telegraphic Transfer ... 149¼
Bank, on demand ... 150

ON SHANGHAI.—
Bank, at sight ... 74¼
Private, 30 days' sight ... 75¼

ON YOKOHAMA.—
On demand ... 2¼ % pm.

ON MANILA.—
On demand ... 5 % pm.

ON SINGAPORE.—
On demand ... par.

SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate ... 10.00
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael ... 52.50

JOINT-STOCK SHARES.

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Banks—		
Hongkong & S'hai	$125	[345, sal. & buyers 176 pr. ct. prem.
China & Japan, prf.	£5	nominal
Do. ordinary	£3 10s.	nominal
Do. deferred	£1	£5. 6s., buyers
Natl. Bank of China		
B. Shares	£8	$22½, sales
Foun. Shares	£1	$22½
Bell's Asbestos E. A.	£1	$5
Campbell, Moore & Co.	$10	$8.75, sellers
China Sugar	$100	$160, sal. & buyers
Cotton Mills—		
Ewo	Tls. 100	Tls. 100
Hongkong	$20	$17, sellers
International	Tls. 100	Tls. 110
Laou Kung Mow	Tls. 100	Tls. 101
Soychee	Tls. 500	Tls. 530
Yahloong	Tls. 100	Tls. 90
Dairy Farm	$5	$6½
Fenwick & Co., Geo.	$25	$29
Green Island Cement	$10	$34, sales & buyers
Do. New Issue	$2½	$18¼, buyers
H. & C. Bakery	$50	$33
Hongkong & C. Gas	£10	$120
Hongkong Electric	$10	$10, sellers
H. H. L. Tramways	$100	$112
Hongkong Hotel	$50	$61, sales
Hongkong Ice	$25	$113
H. & K. Wharf & G.	$50	$58, buyers
Hongkong Rope	$50	$170, sales & sellers
H. & W. Dock	$125	222, p. ct. prem.,—[$402½, sal. & sel.
Insurances—		
Canton	$50	$155½, sales
China Fire	$20	$105, sales
China Traders'	$25	$70, sales
Hongkong Fire	$50	$365, sales
North-China	£25	Tls. 198, sellers
Straits	$20	$17, sellers
Union	$25	$229, sellers
Yangtsze	$60	$140, sellers
Land and Building—		
Hongkong Land Inv	$50	$74, sales & sellers
Humphreys Estate	$10	$9.25, sellers
Kowloon Land & B.	$30	$19
West Point Building	$40	$21½
Luzon Sugar	$100	$37, sellers
Mining—		
Charbonnages	Fcs. 500	$110, sales
Gt. Estn. & C'donian	$5	$6, sellers
Do.	$2½	$3, sales & buyers
Jelebu	$5	$2, sales & sellers
New Balmoral	$1	$1.40, sal. & sellers
Do. Preference	$1	$1.50, sellers
Oliver's Mines, A.	$5	$19
Do. B.	$2½	$7¼, sales & buyers
Punjom	$4	$5.55, cum call, sal.
Do. Preference.	$1	$1.40, buyers
Raubs	18s. 10d.	$22, sales & buyers
New Amoy Dock	$10	$18, sellers
Steamship Coys.—		
China and Manila	$50	$76, sellers
China Mutual Ord.	£5	£2 15s.
Do. Preference.	£10	£7 10s.
Douglas Steamship	$50	$57, buyers
H., Canton and M.	$15	$28½, sal. & buyers
Indo-China S. N.	£10	$51, buyers
Tebrau Planting Co.	$5	$5, sellers
Do.	$2	$2, sellers
United Asbestos	$2	$2, sellers
Do.	$10	$10, nominal
Wanchai Warehouse	$37½	$41, buyers
Watson & Co., A. S.	$10	$12

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THE WEATHER.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER, 28th DECEMBER, AT 4 P.M.

STATION.	Barometer red. to sea level and 32° Fahr.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind Direction.	Wind Force.	Weather.	Rain last 24 hours.
Wladivostock	30.11	18	—	NW	2	b	...
Tokyo	30.02	—	—	S	2	—	...
Kochi	30.07	—	—	W	0	—	...
Nagasaki	30.23	—	—	N	4	—	...
Kagoshima	30.19	—	—	NW	4	—	...
Gutzlaff	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Sharp Peak	30.23	58	64	E	1	b	...
Amoy	30.16	62	61	E	2	c	...
Swatow	—	—	—	NE	2	o	...
Canton	30.15	64	63	NE	1	b	...
Hongkong	30.16	60	56	E	3	b	...
Victoria Peak	—	—	—	ENE	1	—	...
Gap Rock	30.14	—	—	ENE	3	—	...
Macao	30.17	65	—	ENE	1	b	...
Haiphong	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Bolinao	29.88	85	61	SE	1	b	...
Manila	29.02	82	70	SW	1	b	...
Cape S. James	—	—	—	NE	3	bm	...
29th DECEMBER, AT 10 A.M.							
Wladivostock	30.31	10	74	N	2	b	...
Tokyo	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Kochi	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Nagasaki	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Kagoshima	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Gutzlaff	30.37	45	84	NE		cv	...
Sharp Peak	30.35	54	66	ENE	4	o	...
Amoy	30.30	59	82	NE	2	or	...
Swatow	—	—	—	NE	1	o	...
Canton	30.25	58	53	E	1	o	...
Hongkong	30.21	60	76	ENE	3	cd	...
Victoria Peak	—	—	—	E	5	—	...
Gap Rock	30.19	—	—	ENE	5	—	...
Macao	30.24	59	—	NNW	1	o	...
Haiphong	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Bolinao	29.98	78	78	SE	2	b	...
Manila	—	—	—	—	—	—	...
Cape S. James	—	—	—	N	5	o	...

On the 29th at 11.30 a.m. The barometer has risen in the North, fallen in S. China. The highest pressure is covering N. China with moderate gradients on the coast and in the China Sea. Forecast:—Fresh NE. winds; cloudy, some light rain.

HONGKONG REGISTER

	Previous day 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.16	30.21	30.13
Temperature	60	60	60
Humidity	56	76	60
Direction of wind	E	ENE	ENE
Force	3	3	3
Weather	b	cd	o
Rain	—	0.03	—

Highest open air temperature on the 28th ... 65
Lowest open air temperature on the 29th ... 58

F. G. FIGG, Acting Director.

Hongkong Observatory, 29th December, 1897.

MESSRS. FALCONER & CO.'S REGISTER, 29th Dec.
Barometer 9 A.M. ... 30.13 Therm. 9 A.M. (Wet bulb) 57
Barometer 1 P.M. ... 30.06 Therm. 1 P.M. (Wet bulb) 58
Barometer 4 P.M. ... 30.03 Therm. 4 P.M. (Wet bulb) 59
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Thermom. 1 P.M. ... 63 Therm. Minimum (overnight) ... 57
Thermom. 4 P.M. ... 62

HONGKONG TIDE-TABLE.

30th December to 5th January.

Day of Week.	Day of Month.	High Water: Hongkong Mean Time.	High Water: Height.	Low Water: Hongkong Mean Time.	Low Water: Height.
		h m	ft. in.	h m	ft. in.
Thurs	30	m 0 49 2 59 a	4 0 2 10	m 7 53 7 37 a	0 1 1 10
Fri.	31	m 1 47 3 30 a	3 2 3 2	m 8 30 8 30 a	0 5 1 9
Sat.	1	m 3 3 4 27 a	2 5 3 6	m 9 7 11 45 a	0 10 1 3
Sun.	2	m 4 37 5 11 a	1 10 3 11	m 9 40	1 8
Mon.	3	m 7 8 5 12 a	1 8 4 3	m 0 50 a m 10 34 a	0 2 1 6
Tues.	4	m 8 48 6 22 a	1 5 4 9	m 1 30 m 11 32	0 1 1 7
Wed.	5	m 10 0 7 10 a	1 9 5 0	m 2 19 9 26 a	[illegible]

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Hongkong, 30th December, 1897. [8

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TACOMA	2,549	A. Dixon	Feb. 1	PELICAN	2,333	A. Gove	Feb. 8
VICTORIA	3,167	J. Panton, R.N.R.	Feb. 22	BRAEMAR	3,601	E. Porter	March 8
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Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M. on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1897. [2525

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(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY).

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
IDZUMI MARU, B. Nunome	BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE (Transhipping Cargo for Java Ports), & COLOMBO	THURSDAY, 30th December, at NOON.
*RIOJUN MARU, A. E. Moses	SEATTLE, WASH., U.S.A., via KOBE YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU	THURSDAY, 30th December, at 4 P.M.
TAMBA MARU	MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	WEDNESDAY, 5th Jan., at 4 P.M.
HAKATA MARU, R. Nivison	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE (Transhipping Cargo for Java Ports), PENANG, COLOMBO & PORT SAID.	FRIDAY, 7th January, at 4 P.M.
HIROSHIMA MARU, N. Ohno	KOBE & YOKOHAMA	THURSDAY, 20th January, at 4 P.M.
YAMAGUCHI MARU, S. Kawamuro	SINGAPORE, COLOMBO & BOMBAY	TUESDAY, 25th January, at NOON.
YAMASHIRO MARU, J. Jones	THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, KEPPEL BAY, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	FRIDAY, 28th January, at 4 P.M.

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A. S. MIHARA,
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Hongkong, 28th December, 1897. [2503

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LONDON, &c.	CHUSAN, E. Street	Noon, 30th Dec.	See Special Advertisement.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	ROSETTA, F. N. Tillard	Noon, 31st Dec.	Freight or Passage.
LONDON	MALACCA, N. P. Pollock, R.N.R.	About 7th January	Freight or Passage.

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H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1897. [1

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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Hongkong, 28th December, 1897. [2368

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"ARRATOON APCAR,"

Captain K. H. Sundberg, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 31st inst., at 3 P.M.

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Hongkong, 28th December, 1897. [2976

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Hongkong, 21st December, 1897. [2918

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 5th January, 1898, at Noon, the Company's Steamship "SALAZIE," Captain Paul, with Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo will leave this port for MARSEILLES via BOMBAY.

This steamer connects at COLOMBO with the S. S. "POLYNESIEN," which vessel takes on her passengers and mails, leaving that port on the 15th January, 1898, direct to Suez, Port Said, and Marseilles.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M., Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M. on the 4th January. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1897. [3

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAME.	FLAG & RIG	CAPTAIN.	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED.
LONDON via Suez Canal	Myrmidon	Brit. str.	Rorison	Butterfield & Swire	On 4th Jan.
LONDON	Malacca	Brit. str.	Pollock, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 7th Jan.
LONDON via Straits, &c.	Chusan	Brit. str.	Street	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-day, at Noon.
BREMEN via Ports of Call	Prinz Heinrich	Ger. str.	Cuppers	Melchers & Co.	On 4th Jan., at 9 A.M.
ANTWERP, Bremen, H'burg, &c.	Dramstadt	Ger. str.		Melchers & Co.	On or about 15th Feb.
MARSEILLES, LONDON, &c.	Hakata Maru	Jap. str.	Nivison	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 7th Jan., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES via Saigon, etc	Salazie	Fren. str.	Paul	Messageries Maritimes	On 5th Jan., at Noon.
VANCOUVER, v. Shanghai, &c	Empress of China	Brit. str.	Pybus, R.N.R.	Canadian Pacific R. Co.	On 19th Jan., at Noon.
PORTLAND, Oregon via Kobe	Mogul	Brit. str.	Wright	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	On 1st Jan., at Noon.
SEATTLE, W'ington, v. Kobe, &c.	Riojun Maru	Jap. str.	Moses	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	To-day, at 4 P.M.
VICTORIA, B.C., & Tacoma v. S'hai	Columbia	Brit. str.	Gow	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	On 11th Jan., at Noon.
BALTIMORE	Standard	Amer. ship	Snow	Melchers & Co.	January.
SAN FRANCISCO via Shanghai	Gaelic	Brit. str.		O. & O. S. S. Co.	On 15th Jan., Daylight.
SAN FRANCISCO via S'hai, &c.	C. of Rio de Janeiro	Amer. str.		P. M. S. S. Co.	On 6th Jan., at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO	New York	Amer. ship	Peabody	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Quick despatch.
NEW YORK via Suez Canal	P. Adelaide	Brit. str.		Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	On or about 15th Jan.
NEW YORK via Suez Canal	Yarrowdale	Brit. str.		Shewan, Tomes & Co.	On or about 5th Jan.
NEW YORK	Gerard C. Tobey	Amer. bk.	Shartly	Reuter Bröckelmann & Co	January.
NAGASAKI, Kobe & Yokohama	Rosetta	Brit. str.	Tillard	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-morrow, at Noon.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	Changsha	Brit. str.	Williams	Butterfield & Swire	To-morrow, at 2 P.M.
MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	Tamba Maru	Jap. str.		Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 5th Jan., at 4 P.M.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	Hiroshima Maru	Jap. str.	Ohno	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 20th Jan., at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, Kobe & Y'hama	Yarra	Fren. str.	Le Coispellier	Messageries Maritimes	On or about 4th Jan.
SWATOW, Amoy, & Taiwanfoo	Thales	Brit. str.	Robson	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	To-morrow, at Daylight.
SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c.	Taiyuan	Brit. str.	Nelson	Butterfield & Swire	To-morrow, at 3 P.M.
T'DAY ISLAND, Townsville, &c.	Yamashiro Maru	Jap. str.	Jones	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 23th Jan., at 4 P.M.
S'PORE, Colombo, & Bombay	Yamaguchi Maru	Jap. str.	Kawamuro	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 25th Jan., at Noon.
STRAITS & BOMBAY &c.	Letimbro	Ita. str.	Belsito	Carlowitz & Co.	To-morrow, at Noon.
S'PORE, Colombo, & Bombay	Idzumi Maru	Jap. str.	Nunome	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	To-day, at Noon.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	Arratoon Apcar	Brit. str.	Sundberg	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.	To-morrow, at 3 P.M.
SAIGON	Haiphong	Fren. str.	Malaval	Messageries Maritimes	On or about 2nd Jan.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON.

THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"CHUSAN,"

Captain E. Street, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY on THURSDAY, the 30th DECEMBER, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

All Cargo for France and London will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1897. [1

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.
(Florio and Rubattino United Companies).

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND BOMBAY,

having connexion with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN, also VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE, and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALLAO.

Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD, also BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA, and MALAGA.

THE Steamship

"LETIMBRO,"

Captain Belsito, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 31st inst., at NOON.

At BOMBAY the Steamers are discharging in VICTORIA DOCK.

For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1897. [6

U.S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, & Yokohama)	THURSDAY, Jan. 6, 1898, at NOON.
CITY OF PEKING (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	TUESDAY, Jan. 25, 1898, at NOON.
CHINA (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	SATURDAY, Feb. 12, 1898, at NOON.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship "CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, and YOKOHAMA on THURSDAY, the 6th January, 1897, at NOON, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines. Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further Information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1897. [3

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A.1. American Ship

"NEW YORK,"

Peabody, Master, load for the above port and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

Hongkong, 26th October, 1897. [2448

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY, AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"TAIYUAN,"

Captain Nelson, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 31st inst., at 3 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First Class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by the Company to and from Australia are available for return by the steamers of the Eastern and Australian S. S. Co. and *vice versa*.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1897. [2368

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"YARRA,"

Captain Le Coispellier, will be despatched for the above ports on or about the 4th January, 1898.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1897. [2

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"YARROWDALE"

will be despatched as above on or about the 5th January, 1898.

To be followed by the

S.S. "HANSEAT"
on or about the 31st January, 1898.
S.S. "LYDERHORN"
on or about the 15th February, 1898.
S.S. "ORWELL"
on or about the 28th February, 1898.

For Freight, &c., apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1897. [2917

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

GAELIC (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	SATURDAY, Jan. 15, 1898, at DAYLIGHT.
DORIC (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Yokohama)	THURSDAY, Feb. 3, 1898, at NOON.
BELGIC (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	THURSDAY, Feb. 22, 1898, at NOON.

THE Company's Steamship "GAELIC" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, and HONOLULU on SATURDAY, the 15th January, 1890, at DAYLIGHT.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passenger Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic *lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of* the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

ALL PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1897. [4

MOGUL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"P. ADELAIDE"

will be despatched as above on or about 15th January, 1898,

To be followed by the

S.S. "ARGYLL" sail about 5th Feb., 1898.
S.S. "GHAZEE" do. 20th Feb., 1898.
S.S. "LENNOX" do. 10th Mar., 1893.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1897. [2404-2670

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"MYRMIDON."

Captain Rorison, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 4th January.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1897. [2617

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN, AND HAMBURG. PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; ALSO, LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

PRINZ HEINRICH	Tuesday	4th Jan.
PREUSSEN	Tuesday	1st Feb.
SACHSEN	Tuesday	1st March.

ON TUESDAY, the 4th day of January, 1898, at 9 A.M., the Company's Steamship "PRINZ HEINRICH," O. Cuppers, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on SATURDAY, the 1st January, Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY, the 3rd January, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on MONDAY, the 3rd January. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1897. [7

FOR NEW YORK.

THE *3/3 L.I.I. American Bark

"GERARD C. TOBEY,"

Shartly, Master, will load here for the above port and will be despatched in January.

For Freight, apply to

REUTER, BRÖCKELMANN & CO.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1897. [2835

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, ANTWERP, BREMEN, AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Extra Steamer

"DARMSTADT"

will be despatched as above on or about 15th of February, 1898.

To be followed by the Steamer

"CREFELD,"

on or about the 15th of March, 1898.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1897. [2977

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS in CHINA and JAPAN for the above Line are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS OF LADING for all the principal ports in SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION Co.'s fortnightly service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from CALCUTTA for CAPE PORTS every fortnight.

For freight and further particulars, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents for China and Japan.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1897. 1792

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"CEYLON,"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ, AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—
From Italy ex s.s. *Sutlej*.
From Madras ex s.s. *Loodiana*.

Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 P.M. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 1st Jan., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 26th December, 1897. [1

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"POLYPHEMUS"

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Undersigned; in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 28th inst.

Goods undelivered after the 5th proximo will be subject to rent. All damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 6th proximo.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1897. [2962

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "MOGUL," FROM PORTLAND, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1897. [2525

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.
(Florio and Rubattino United Companies.)

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"LETIMBRO"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her, are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, whence delivery may be obtained. Perishable Goods to be taken delivery of immediately.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the office of the undersigned before NOON on the 3rd January, 1898, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 3rd January, 1898, will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

CARLOWITZ & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1897. [6

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"ARRATOON APCAR"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M. of the 29th inst. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Wanchai.

Consignees of cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE delivery of their Goods from alongside. Such cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1897. [2976

SHIPPING IN PORT.

HONGKONG.
STEAMERS.

Anping, Chinese str., 1,156, Stewart, Dec. 24, C. M. S. N. Co
Ariake Maru, Jap. str., 1,886, Asai, Dec. 28, Mitsui Bishi Kaisha
Arratoon Apcar, British str., 1,392, Sundborg, Dec. 28, David Sassoon, Sons & Co
Benledi, British str., 1,284, Farquhar, Dec. 24, Gibb, Livingston & Co
Bygdo, Norwegian str., 773, Brakke, Dec. 27, Wieler & Co
Changsha, British str., 1,463, Williams, Dec. 25, Butterfield & Swire
Chingping, Chinese str., 1,505, Blake, Dec. 26, C. E. & M. Co
Chusan, German steamer, 624, Wendt, Dec. 26, Siemssen & Co
Chusan, British steamer, 2,852, Street, Dec. 28, P. & O. S. N. Co
City of Rio de Janeiro, Amr. str., 3,159, Ward, Dec. 28, P. M. S. S. Co
Cosmopolit, German str., 575, Fetz, Dec. 28, Lauts, Wegener & Co
Dagmar, Norw. str., 920, Amundsen, Dec. 22, Harling, Buschmann & Menzell
Donar, German str., 1,201, Grundmann, Dec. 25, Lauts, Wegener & Co
Empress of China, British str., 3,003, Pybus, Dec. 28, C. P. R. Co
Esang, British steamer, 1,127, Johns, Dec. 27, Jardine, Matheson & Co
Fatshan, British str., 1,425, J. Dick, H. C. & M. Steamboat Co., for Canton
Foochow, Brit. str., 1,253, Blackbourne, Dec. 25, Butterfield & Swire
Fuping, Chinese str., 1,058, Clemens, Dec. 25, Chinese Eng. & Mining Co
Haimun, British str., 633, Bathurst, Dec. 28, Douglas Lapraik & Co
Hankow, British str., 2,235, C. V. Lloyd, Butterfield & Swire, for Canton
Hermann, German str., 808, Garnitzka, Dec. 21, Melchers & Co
Hermes, Norwegian str., 849, Jensen, Dec. 28, Jardine, Matheson & Co
Heungshan, British steamer, 1,054, J. Smith, H. C., & M. Steamboat Co., for Macao
Honam, British str., 1,344, S. W. Goggin, H. C. & M. Steamboat Co., for Canton
Hsinchi, Chinese str., 1,065, Patterson, Dec. 28, C. M. S. N. Co
Hunan, British str., 1,158, Frazier, Dec. 25, Butterfield & Swire
Hupeh, British steamer, 1,894, Quail, Dec. 29, Butterfield & Swire
Idzumi Maru, Jap. str., 1,988, Nunome, Dec. 28, Nippon Yusen Kaisha
Ingraban, German str., 894, Piper, Dec. 29, Wieler & Co
Jacob Diederichsen, Ger. str., 623, Schlaikier, Dec. 28, Jebsen & Co
Kansu, British str., 1,158, Sommerville, Dec. 28, Butterfield & Swire
Kwonghoi, British str., 419, Rowlo, Chinese, for Canton
Kyoto Maru, Jap. str., 1,665, Sobashima, Dec. 24, Dodwell, Carlill & Co
Letimbro, Italian str., 1,401, Belsito, Dec. 26, Carlowitz & Co
Lienshing, British str., 1,048, Purkis, Dec. 24, Jardine, Matheson & Co
Lyderhorn, Norw. str., 1,991, Hammeraas, Dec. 28, Order
Lyeemoon, Ger. str., 1,238, Heuermann, Dec. 18, Siemssen & Co
Mogul, British steamer, 3,654, Wright, Dec. 26, Dodwell, Carlill & Co
Olympia, British str., 1,691, Dobson, Dec. 10, Dodwell, Carlill & Co
Oslo, Norwegian str., 778, Pedersen, Dec. 24, Chinese
Pasig, Chinese steamer, 284, C. Koch, Chinese, for Canton
Phra Nang, British str., 1,021, Watton, Dec. 19, Yuen Fat Hong
Powan, British str., 1,842, A. N. Patrick, H. C. & M. Steamboat Co., for Canton
Progress, German str., 678, Brandt, Dec. 26, Siemssen & Co
Propontis, British str., 1,387, Crawford, Dec. 24, Chinese
Riojun Maru, Jap. str., 2,972, Moses, Dec. 23, Nippon Yusen Kaisha
Rosetta, British str., 2,039, Tillard, Dec. 27, P. & O. S. N. Co
Siam, British steamer, 992, Messer, Dec. 15, Bradley & Co
Szechuen, Brit. str., 1,158, Pennefather, Dec. 27, Butterfield & Swire
Tai On, British str., 769, Gallocuski, Chinese, for Canton
Taishun, Chinese str., 1,260, Klopfer, Dec. 26, C. M. S. N. Co
Taiwan, British str., 1,109, Harder, Dec. 24, Butterfield & Swire
Taiyuan, British str., 1,459, Nelson, Dec. 29, Butterfield & Swire
Terrier, Norw. str., 1,506, Wilhelmsen, Dec. 17, Wieler & Co
Thales, British steamer, 828, Robson, Dec. 15, Douglas Lapraik & Co
Tritos, German steamer, 1,300, Dinse, Dec. 23, Chinese
Wosang, British steamer, 1,127, Roope, Dec. 29, Jardine, Matheson & Co
Zafiro, British steamer, 675, Cobban, Dec. 24, Shewan, Tomes & Co

SAILING VESSELS.

Anna Bertha, Ger. bark, 239, Nielsen, Dec. 16, Chinese
Columbus, German ship, 1,380, Stover, Dec. 13, Melchers & Co
Contest, British bark, 486, Reynell, Dec. 18, Master
Fannie Scholfield, British bark, 1,066, Veitch, Sept. 21, Order

SHIPPING IN PORT.

Fred. P. Litchfield, Amr. bark, 900, Hardy, Nov. 29, Order
Gerard C. Tobey, Amr. ship, 1,390, Shurtly, Nov. 21, Captain
James Drummond, Amr. ship, 1,587, Skewes, Dec. 2, Order
Lothair, Italian bark, 793, Ferato, Nov. 22, D. Musso & Co
Lucia, British barque, 540, Andresen, Dec. 16, Order
New York, Amr. ship, 1,897, Peabody, Nov. 11, Shewan, Tomes & Co
Sachem, Amr. bark, 1,267, Nickels, Nov. 22, Standard Oil Co
St. Catherine, Amr. bk., 1,153, Fethers, Dec. 6, Order
Selkirk, British ship, 1,646, Crowe, Dec. 19, Order
Serrano, Amr. bark, 613, Waterhouse, Nov. 24, Chinese
Sumatra, British bark, 721, Jones, Dec. 18, Wieler & Co
Vega, German bark, 885, Pettersen, Oct. 24, Wieler & Co
West York, British bark, 688, Davis, Oct. 18, Order

SHANGHAI.
In Port on 24th December, 1897.

Apenrade, German str., 611, Ipland, Dec. 22, M. B. Kaisha
Atagosan Maru, Jap. str., 1,252, Fujiki, Dec. 22, M. B. Kaisha
Fujisan Maru, Jap. str., 1,252, Sobuya, Dec. 22, Mitsui Bussan Kaisha
Haean, Chinese str., 860, Wallace, Dec. 19, C. M. S. N. Co
Haeshin, Chinese str., 763, Mackinnon, Dec. 20, C. M. S. N. Co
Haeting, Chinese str., 1,099, Paramore, Dec. 20, C. M. S. N. Co
Hanseat, Norw. str., 2,177, Hamre, Dec. 18, Shewan, Tomes & Co
Hector, British steamer, 3,005, Barr, Dec. 21, Butterfield & Swire
Hsinfung, Chinese str., 1,061, Warwick, Dec. 20, C. M. S. N. Co
Hsiping, Chinese str., 2,168, Erhardt, Dec. 19, C. E. & M. Co
Kobe Maru, Jap. str., 1,645, Swain, Dec. 21, Nippon Yusen Kaisha
Loyal, German str., 1,237, Lorenzen, Dec. 21, Carlowitz & Co
Omega, British bark, 480, Swonson, Dec. 18, Morris & Co
Paoting, British steamer, 1,088, Gyles, Dec. 21, Butterfield & Swire
Prinz Heinrich, Ger. str., 3,902, Cupers, Dec. 21, Melchers & Co
Progress, Norw. str., 541, Gundersen, Dec. 21, H. Sylva & Co
Salazie, French steamer, 2,088, Paul, Dec. 16, Messageries Maritimes
Shengking, Brit. str., 1,234, Anderson, Dec. 20, Butterfield & Swire
Store Nordiske, Dan. str., 596, Suenson, Nov. 4, G. N. Telegraph Co
Taisang, British steamer, 1,505, Sawer, Dec. 13, Jardine, Matheson & Co
Tenringawa Maru, Jap. str., 410, Frahm, Dec. 14, O. S. Kaisha
Toonan, Chinese steamer, 938, Mertens, Dec. 22, C. M. S. N. Co
Wuchang, British str., 800, Sutherland, Dec. 21, Butterfield & Swire
Yarrowdale, British str., 1,908, Geddes, Dec. 22, Shewan, Tomes & Co

KOBE.
In Port on 22nd December, 1897.

Benvenue, British str., 1,468, Sarchet, Dec. 21, Cornes & Co
Burdon, British str., 1,962, Wilson, Dec. 19, C. Illes & Co
Chuyetsu Maru, Japanese steamer, 987, Dec. 20, Japanese
D. H. Watjen, German ship, 2,079, Wicke, Dec. 4, R. Isaacs & Bro.
Genkai Maru, Jap. str., 844, Kohori, Dec. 11, Nippon Yusen Kaisha
Idzumi Maru, Jap. str., 2,000, Nuneme, Dec. 20, Nippon Yusen Kaisha
John Currier, Amr. ship, 1,847, Lawrence, Oct. 24, Standard Oil Co
Jupiter, Danish ship, 1,590, Funder, Nov. 27, Sale & Co
Menmuir, British str., 1,287, McArthur, Dec. 20, Cornes & Co
Miike Maru, Japanese str., 2,032, Going, Oct. 20, Nippon Yusen Kaisha
Peter Iredale, British bark, 1,994, Lawrence, Dec. 15, M. Raspe & Co
Ross-shire, British bark, 2,148, Baxter, Dec. 20, Standard Oil Co
Singan, British steamer, 1,054, ——, Dec. 6, Butterfield & Swire
Tainan, Japanese str., 9,503, Wale, Dec. 19, Mitsui Bussan Kaisha
Tsuruga Maru, Japanese steamer, 742, Dec. 14, Nippon Yusen Kaisha
Tolna, American schr., 78, Festetics, July 17, Captain
Wakanoura Maru, Jap. str., 1,556, Tibbals, Dec. 3, Nippon Yusen Kaisha
Yorihime Maru, Jap. str., 3,195, Ashita, Dec. 19, Osaka Shosen Kaisha

YOKOHAMA.
In Port on 14th December, 1897.

Amarspoora, Brit. str., 1,619, Cameron, Nov. 23, Captain
Beerhoven, German ship, 1,714, Thulen, Nov. 28, Standard Oil Co
Bellona, German steamer, 2,683, Binzer, Nov. 28, Simon, Evers & Co
Benledi, British str., 1,481, Farquhar, Dec. 1, Cornes & Co
Claverdon, British ship, 2,462, Kelway, Dec. 10, R. Isaacs & Bros.
Diana, American schooner, 74, Peterson, Oct. 6, Master
Eureka, Amr. ship, 1,996, Darrah, Oct. 28, H. Ahrens & Co., Nachf.
Golden Fleece, Amr. schr., 130, Funeke, Nov. 2, J. Kernan
Port Caledonia, British ship, 2,320, Anton, Nov. 13, Jardine, Matheson & Co
Silver Fleece, Amr. sch., 58, Thompson, Sept. 27, John Kernan
Vigilant, Amr. ship, 1,675, Bailey, Oct. 4, Standard Oil Co
Wm. H. Smith, Amr. ship, 1,811, Brown, Nov. 21, Standard Oil Co

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Archer, cruiser, 14 guns, 3,500 h.p., Comd. C. E. Kingsmill, at Hongkong
Centurion, flagship, 41 guns, 13,000 h.p., Capt. S. H. Login, at Chefoo
Daphne, sloop, 14 guns, 2,000 h.p., Com. H. H. C. Galloway, at Nagasaki
Esk, gun-vessel, 3 guns, 340 h.p., Lieut.-Com. Chadwick, at Shanghai
Firebrand, gun-vessel, 6 guns, 360 h.p., in Reserve, at Hongkong
Grafton, protected cruiser, 35 guns, 7,350 h.p., Capt. E. P. Jones, at Hongkong
Handy, torpedo-boat destroyer, 6 guns, 4,000 h.p., Lieut. A. Gillespie, at Hongkong
Hart, torpedo-boat destroyer, 6 guns, 4,000 h.p., Lieut. H. F. Shakespear, at Hongkong
Humber, storeship, Capt. F. R. Gransmore, at Hongkong
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Iphigenia, cruiser, 17 guns, 9,000 h.p., Capt. H. N. Dudding, at Chefoo
Jelunga, troopship, Capt. Henry Jones, at Hongkong
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Peacock, gunboat, 8 guns, 1,200 h.p., Lieut.-Com. St. John, at Hongkong
Phoenix, sloop, 18 guns, — h.p., Capt. R. P. Cochrane, at Foochow
Pigmy, gunboat, 8 guns, 1,200 h.p., Lieut.-Com. C. J. T. Dormer, at Hankow
Pique, cruiser, 22 guns, 7,000 h.p., Capt. A. C. Corry, at Shanghai
Plover, gunboat, 9 guns, 120 h.p., Lieut.-Com. De Horsey, at Singapore
Rainbow, cruiser, 12 guns, 7,000 h.p., Capt. V. A. Tisdall, at Nagasaki
Rattler, gunboat, 8 guns, 1,200 h.p., Lieut. Hon. G. A. Hardinge, at Tientsin
Redpole, gunboat, 8 guns, 1,200 h.p., Lieut.-Com. E. H. Grafton, at Nagasaki
Solent, torpedo mining launch, at Hongkong
Swift, gunboat, 8 guns, 870 h.p., in Reserve, at Hongkong
Tamar, receiving ship, in Reserve, at Hongkong
Tweed, gun-vessel, 3 guns, 340 h.p., at Hongkong
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